



WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Chaplin Columbia Coventry Hampton Lebanon Mansfield Scotland Willington Windham

Chairman Cassano
Chairman Gentile
Members of the Planning & Development Committee

February 14, 2011

RE: **S.B. # 90: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT**
S.B. # 43: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT
H.B. # 5254: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT.

Dear Chairman Cassano and Chairman Gentile,
and members of the Planning & Development Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing in support of legislation restoring **Municipal Liability for Recreational Activities** as noted in the above bills.

We support restoring the liability protection to **Municipalities** that is currently afforded to state, private, utility, and corporate landowners who make their land open for the free use and enjoyment of the public. This liability protection was available to municipalities for 25 years before it was removed in a controversial court case in 1996, Conway v. Wilton.

WINCOG, along with many other RPO's, Towns, The CT Forest and Park Association, COST and numerous other groups, is asking the General Assembly to leverage the strong public interest in this case into **fixing the Recreational Liability Statute for municipalities once and for all.**

Thank you for your consideration in moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Paquette
Executive Director, WINCOG

cc: WINCOG Board of Directors